

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes
January 14, 2004
Conference Call

Members Present: Arlene Brown, President
Alan Todd, Vice President
Helen Jones
Lee Otto
Reed Gardner
Spencer Ellis
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture

Members Absent: Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Ann Wittmann, WBC Executive Director
Dan Zwonitzer, Program Coordinator

Guests: Jennifer Womack, representing the Wyoming
Livestock Roundup
Allison Fashek, representing the Wyoming Tribune-
Eagle

The meeting was called to order by President brown at 9:05 a.m. on January 14, 2004.

New Policies

The Board discussed the two new policies that had been drafted by Jim Schwartz, as requested by the Board at the February 9, 2004 Conference Call. After discussing the BSE Policy, **Jones moved to adopt the policy with changing the word feel in the third paragraph to feed and deleting the last paragraph. Seconded by Gardner. All voted in favor. Motion carried.** After discussing the Origin of Agriculture Products Policy, **Otto moved to adopt the policy with changing the word mandatory in paragraph 4 to a necessity and deleting the last sentence of the last paragraph. Seconded by Ellis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

John indicated we would make the changes, add them to the Policy Book and send a press release regarding the adoption of the policies. Otto requested the Torrington Telegram be included in that release. Both the draft and the approved policies are attached.

New Policies

The board was updated on the status of the status of the herd in which BSE was found. They are on their way today to be destroyed. The surrounding eight herds have all been tested and

they were found negative for the disease. They have all been quarantined and will all have to be tested again after calving. The State is trying to help with stop-gap measures for those producers with quarantined animals because they are unable to depopulate the herds. Those who have depopulated, will receive the difference between the appraised value of the animal and the amount they receive at the time of slaughter from APHIS.

John has a meeting at 11:00 today regarding the wolf and should have more information on the delisting and he said he would try to keep the Board updated via email.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Brown, President

Date